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MBABANE FOR AMBASSADOR NORLAND

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: FIGHTING ON RHODESIA/BOTSWANA BORDER

1. PRESIDENT KHAMA'S OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT
RHODESIAN FORCES HAVE ATTACKED A BOTSWANA DEFENSE
FORCE (BDF) CAMP AT KASANE NEAR THE RHODESIAN AND
ZAMBIAN BORDER. ACCORDING TO THE BOTSWANANS, THE
ATTACK WAS PRECEDED BY BUILDUP OF RHODESIAN TROOPS
INCLUDING TROOP CARRIERS AND A SMALL NUMBER OF
ARMORED VEHICLES. THESE TOOK UP POSITIONS ON THE
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RHODESIAN SIDE OF THE BORDER AND BEGAN SHELLING THE
BDF CAMP WITH MORTARS AND OTHER HEAVY WEAPONS AT
12:30 PM LOCAL TIME. AT THE TIME OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT
THE FIGHTING WAS STILL GOING ON.

2. EMBASSY GABORONE'S CABLE COMMUNICATIONS ARE TEMPORARILY
OUT AND THE ABOVE INFORMATION WAS RECEIVED BY DEPARTMENT BY

PHONE. ANY CONFIRMING OR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION POSTS
CAN PROVIDE WILL BE MOST USEFUL. CHRISTOPHER

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